

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On May 13, 2004, Applicants submitted an Amendment and Response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with U.S. Patent Application No. 09/820,244, referenced above. The Amendment and Response was submitted as a reply to a non-final Office Action, mailed February 13, 2004.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 20, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section of their Amendment submitted May 13, 2004 and received at the USPTO on May 17, 2004. The section submitted herewith is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 20, 2004, and is otherwise identical to the listing of claims in Applicants' Amendment and Response of May 13, 2004. A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit A, for ready reference.

CONCLUSION

In view of the Supplemental Amendments and Response, Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is now in allowable form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the currently pending claims.

It is believed that no additional fees are due at this time. If this is incorrect, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees, other than issue fees, that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-0153. The Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's Attorney for any reason that would advance the current application to issue. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 119941-1089.

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